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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed June 2, 2006, applicants elect species 1 (Figs. 1-4). Applicant believes that claims 1-8, 10-14, 17-18, 20, 22, 24, 27, 28 and 29 read on the elected species. Applicants submit that claims 1-7, 14, 20, and 29 are generic. The election is made with traverse. Applicant submits that at least some of the species provided by the Examiner are not patentably distinct. For example, the only substantial difference between species 8 (Figs. 13 and 14) and the elected species (Figs. 1-4) is that species 8 illustrates an additional base. Moreover, it should be noted that there was no lack of unity objection raised in the corresponding PCT application. Therefore, Applicants submit that it is improper for the Examiner to raise such an objection during this national phase.

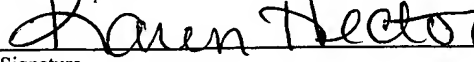
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